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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: CONTACT WITH KAMITATU AND
GIZENGA

1. MARK MANCALL, DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS STUDIES AT STANFORD,
HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT A BELGIAN ACQUAINTANCE IN THE
ACADEMIC WORLD HAS INFORMED HIM THAT HE WILL BE ATTENDING
SOCIAL GATHERING IN PARIS WEEKEND JUNE 7-8 AT WHICH HE
EXPECTS KAMITATU AND GIZENGA TO BE PRESENT. BELGIAN OFFERED
TO EXPLORE HOW THEY VIEW KIDNAPPING, SERIOUSNESS OF DEMANDS,
ETC., AND WHETHER THEY ABLE CONTACT KABILA.

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2. AS IN EARLIER KANZA CASE, DEPTOFF OFFERED OPINION THAT

ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN INTERMEDIARY ROLE PERSON OR PERSONS OBJECTIONABLE TO MOBUTU COULD COMPROMISE EFFORT TO GAIN GOZ COOPERATION ESSENTIAL TO SECURE SAFE RELEASE OF CAPTIVES. GIZENGA OBVIOUSLY ANATHEMA TO MOBUTU AND KAMITATU, THOUGH HE AVAILED HIMSELF OF RECENT AMNESTY, STILL PROBABLY HIGHLY SUSPECT- EITHER MIGHT SEEK TO USE OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARRASS MOBUTU. THOUGH DISCREET CONTACT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION COULD BE USEFUL, LINE BETWEEN THIS AND PROMOTING AN INTERMEDIARY EFFORT MIGHT BE A THIN ONE.

3. MANCALL SAID STANFORD WOULD CERTAINLY NOT TRY ENGAGE

KAMITATU OR GIZENGA IN ACTIVE ROLE AT THIS POINT AND WOULD ASK BELGIAN ONLY TO SEEK INFORMATION.

4. SUBSEQUENT CALL FROM ANOTHER STANFORD OFFICIAL IDENTIFIED BELGIAN MENTIONED ABOVE AS BENOIT VERHAGEN, EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR TO GOZ, WHO IS ON LEAVE FROM HIS POST IN KINSHASA. THIS OFFICIAL ASSURED US THAT PURPOSE OF TALK WITH KAMITATU AND GIZENGA WOULD BE ONLY TO ELICIT INFORMATION.

5. VERHAGEN ALSO TOLD MANCALL THAT HE PERSONALLY WILL BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN OUR EFFORTS TO SEEK RELEASE OF STUDENTS. KISSINGER

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